

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that a particular amendment to the claims will overcome the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) on Caenen (FR 2,718,635) in view of Heldreth (EP 0 636 352). In particular, the Examiner suggests defining the complementary undercut connection profile on the cover plate to recite structure similar to the core - specifically, the single top projecting outward beyond lateral edges.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance, claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) is respectfully requested, and early action allowing claims 1 and 3 is solicited.

In the event the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **246472005200**.

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